

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 4

January 27, 2000

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES - REVISED

PURPOSE: Currently, Department Manual Section 4/210.75 allows employees to transport arrestees or others in need of emergency medical help in a police vehicle in certain situations. However, with improved technology and availability of Los Angeles City Fire Department Rescue Ambulances (LAFD RA's), this practice should only be considered in extreme circumstances as outlined in this order. Department personnel are neither trained nor equipped to treat victims requiring emergency medical treatment. In an effort to ensure that prompt and appropriate medical treatment is obtained and to reduce Department liability, these procedures have been revised.

This Order revises Department employees' responsibilities for emergency medical transportation of suspects, arrestees, or others that might be in need of emergency medical treatment.

PROCEDURE: Effective immediately, suspects, arrestees, or others requiring emergency medical attention shall only be transported via an LAFD RA. It shall be the responsibility of all Department employees to request an LAFD RA for a suspect, arrestee, or any other person requesting emergency medical treatment or when it is apparent that they are in need of such assistance and are unable to request.

Note: Individuals requiring emergency medical attention shall only be transported in a police vehicle during an unusual occurrence or tactical situation when it is necessary to remove the individual from a position of immediate threat to their safety. In such situations, an LAFD RA shall be requested and the individual shall be moved only the distance required to reach a safe location.

When a suspect or arrestee requires only routine medical treatment, such as pre-booking medical treatment or other non-emergency care, the person may be transported in a police vehicle to one of the following medical facilities:

- * Department Jail Dispensary; or,
- * Los Angeles County Medical Centers; or,
- * Department's contract hospitals

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Note: A current list of hospitals under contract with the City can be obtained from Detective Headquarters Division.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Section 4/210.75 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: All operations bureau commanding officers shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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